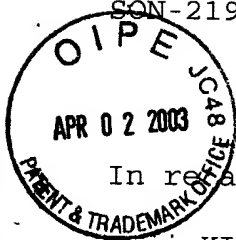


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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF INVENTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of March 12, 2003,  
requiring an election of invention, for which a month was allotted  
for reply, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 to 15 as set forth below in clean form,  
as submitted in the Preliminary Amendment as filed. Please  
cancel claims 11 to 15 without prejudice to their presentation in  
a divisional application as of right. Additionally, in accordance  
with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claim(s) is/are set forth in  
a marked-up version in the page(s) attached to this Amendment.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims \$130/\$260						
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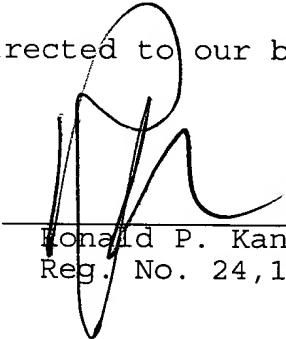
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- ☐ A Letter to the Official Draftsperson is enclosed.
- ☐ A Change of Address is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 18-0013. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 18-0013 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0013. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 18-0013 to cover the Extension fee for response within \_\_\_\_\_ month(s).
- ☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone in our Washington D.C. Office at

(202) 955-3750.

All correspondence should be directed to our below listed address.

Date: April 2, 2003

  
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